THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) From time to time, the oil companies comes across cases of retail outlets/LPG distributorships suspected to be involved in benami operations. Such cases are investigated and action is taken against such dealerships in accordance with the dealership agreement.

Oil Marketing Companies have terminated 5 LPG distributors in Delhi which were found to be operated against the provisions of the distributorship agreement.

Pricing Policy of IBP

3200. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IBP has decided to follow an independent pricing policy, different from those of Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, to what extent Government have accepted the IBP's request for following independence in pricing policy; and

(c) the extent to which it will be beneficial for the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Reaction of LPG marketeers over LPG subsidy

3201. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private LPG marketeers have threatened to quit following Government's inability to implement policy regarding withdrawal of subsidy on LPG; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?